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# Castro charge of plot to kill him is denied

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Cuban President Fidel Castro's accusation at the non-aligned summit yesterday in New Delhi that President Reagan had revived CIA attempts to assassinate him were denied by the White House and the State Department yesterday.

"It's against the law of this country to assassinate people," said White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

State Department spokesman John Hughes described Castro's accusation as "obviously untrue."

"We don't disregard the law and executive orders. The charge is absurd. We absolutely deny it," Hughes said.

The Central Intelligence Agency declined to comment.

Castro used the forum of the non-aligned conference, where he is the outgoing chairman, to characterize the United States as "the modern barbarian of our time" and blamed Washington for everything from

world economic ills to tension on the Korean peninsula.

"Even worse," Castro said in his two-hour speech, "we have learned through trustworthy sources that the new U.S. administration has instructed the CIA to resume plans to kill Cuban leaders, especially its president."

Castro said, "Had not other presidents made similar plans in the past and tried to carry them out on several occasions, as was confirmed even by the U.S. Senate?"

Castro gave no details of the alleged plot. He has charged that previous CIA intrigues against him including using exploding cigars in attempts to kill him.

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## CORRECTION

The Washington Times incorrectly reported in yesterday's editions the reaction of the Central Intelligence Agency to Cuban leader Fidel Castro's claim that President Reagan had revived CIA attempts to assassinate him.

The official CIA reaction, by an agency spokesman:

"The allegation of Mr. Castro is absolutely ridiculous.

"We are prohibited by law from even thinking such a thing."

The spokesman cited Executive Order 12333 dated Dec. 4, 1981:

"No person or persons acting on behalf of the United States Government shall engage in or conspire to engage in assassination."